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A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

DON'T forget the poor and unfortunate ones when you make up your list of presents for relatives and friends Christmas.

Former Secretary Shaw says that a great central bank would be a Standard Oil institution and the people would be in the clutch of the financiers worse than ever. His opinion is entitled to weight, notwithstanding he did nothing to help keep the people out of the clutch of the financiers when he was secretary of the treasury, nor to stop the sugar frauds that were reported to him. —*St. Louis Star.*

THE 48th annual meeting of the Missouri State Teachers' association will be held in the Central High school building, St. Louis, December 28-30, and State Superintendent Howard A. Gass will hold examinations for state certificates on the 27th and 28th. There are ninety teachers employed in the public schools of Bollinger county and it is regrettable that not one of them is a member of the association.

William R. Painter, of the Carrolton Democrat, tells a story illustrative of the rampant economy being practised by the Taft administration to meet the deficit in national revenues. Mr. Painter has just returned from the waterways conference at Washington. While passing through a big dining room, where the clerks in one of the departments of the government suffice take their lunch, Mr. Painter noticed two automatic pianos, recently installed. He asked why they had been put in, when a cry for more economical methods in all branches of the service was heard on every side. "Why," he was told, "music with their innumerable thermostats to digest their food better, and they are consequently of more value to the government." —*Cape Girardeau News.*

The democratic State Central committee has directed the different County committees to get together and appoint delegates to a conference at Kansas City in January. This is a move in the right direction, but what's the use? Why get together at any place and then fight like wildcats everywhere? Every week brings a democratic paper to this office in which the character of some democrat is vindictively attacked. If these papers are to be believed every democrat of any prominence who ever held office in this country is a rascal and the most of those spoken of for future honors are scoundrels. No democrat can be mentioned for any office but some democratic editors can give better reasons why he should not be mentioned than any republican could give. So, what's the use? —*Edgerton Press.*

"THE WORM TURNS."

Mr. George H. Allen, of the Cedarville Allen company, Clinton, New York, commonly known as "Cedarville Allen," has published and is circulating a little pamphlet entitled, "I Am Reminded," says the Commoner. Mr. Allen is a republican and boasts of having voted for Garfield and every republican president since, but he does not like the manner in which the republican party bungled the country on the tariff question last fall. The illustrated pamphlet which he has sent the Commoner does not mention any name, and it is probable that it will be sent to any reader upon application—at least a postal card might be risked. It is good material to show to those republicans who voted the republican ticket with the understanding that the tariff was to be reduced. It is to be hoped that Mr. Allen represents a larger group, for certainly there has been enough fraud practised to arouse the ire of tariff reform republicans.

"WAITING"

The Philadelphia North American, says the Commoner, that simple minded old republican sheet, is waiting—not hopefully, of course, but waiting nevertheless—for Mr. Taft to do something to show his antagonism to the special interests. Commenting upon his message the Philadelphia North American says:

"In other words, this message leaves the

American people exactly where they have been for nine weary months in their fruitless endeavor to discover what sort of president they elected in November, 1908. Once more they are asked to 'suspend judgment.' But even the patience of friends has a limit. The People still have those 'special messages' to hope for. But hope too long deferred, not only 'maketh the heart sick,' but has a tendency to transform disappointment into disgust. Not for much longer will there be suspension of judgment of the president who put forth the spineless message, the best commentary on which is that it has the unqualified approval of Speaker Cannon and the members of the New York stock exchange."

The St. Louis Consor gives the American people something worth thinking about, says the Commoner, when it says: "Trust Uncle Joe is a mere figurehead; nothing since that acting chairman for the interests, who inaugurated the system and made the mess under which the interests allow the house to stand. He is not in the least indispensable to the system; but the error has gone out that he is, that he is responsible for this vicious and destructive system which renders the house powerless before that privilege which plunders the country. When Reed devised the system, he made it self-perpetuating and most dynastic. The real feat was to set up his system and silence the house in the beginning. Since then it has been easy. Given arbitrary power with a bludgeon in one hand and a ban of rewards in the other, the game is exactly like the tariff. Every attempt to transform it makes it worse. With a speaker with power in the first place to make any certain member the god of reward and influential representative of the session or reduce him to absolute nothingness without the power to say a half dozen words during the session, as the speaker will, it is easy to understand whence comes the ability to sustain such a vicious system. As Cannon is but the figurehead of the system, would it not be a stroke of good policy for the interests to wish his defeat, or if not that, to remain passive? It would allay agitation and divert public attention from a government rotten with wrong. The word would go out that Cannonism was crushed, and it would take the public, in its stupid complaisance, a year or two to find out that the interests had placed another man in Cannon's place, and that the system had gone right on without a budge."

HARPER'S WEEKLY SPEAKS OUT

In every campaign heretofore Harper's Weekly has fought with the republican party and has tried in every way to help to bring defeat to the democratic organization, says the St. Joseph Observer. Just now however that paper has seen a great light. Read what it says editorially in a recent issue:

"The tariff question is not settled. Like all moral questions, it will not stay settled until it is settled right. The republican party has not succeeded in making off with the issue, as Cleveland feared, and it is open to the democrats to repossess themselves of the most valuable piece of property they ever had. The way is plain.

"Woodrow Wilson, president of Princeton university, in a recent speech at plainfield, N. J., pointed it out clearly enough. The old slogan of tariff reform never had more potency than it would have to-day if the parts would take it up with the old heartiness. With that war cry, and led by such men as President Wilson himself, and Governor Harmon, and the still surviving associates of Governor Russell in Massachusetts, it could again march toward light and victory instead of stumbling on in darkness to defeat after defeat.

"The change of policy and leadership once effected, our party system would be restored to its proper working, for we should have two live, competent parties. It is the plain duty of every democrat who loves his party and his country to go to work to bring about that consummation."

We might speak of this utterance as odd. It is odd only in a partisan sense. There are plenty of patriotic republicans anxious to see the democracy restored as a national force equal to the contest for the possession of the general government, rather than simply a state party.

Southeast News.

Behany Echo.

J. M. Dick, one day this week, husked 108 bushels of corn in eight hours for Elmer DeBrader. Mr. Dick is 56 years old and he claims the championship for a man of that age.

Puxico Index.

The Puxico Iron company are ordering powder by the carload. This looks like blowing the ground up some. They are building a powder house near their mines to house the powder.

Bismarck Gazette.

We are advised by the operating department of the Iron Mountain that they will discontinued carrying passengers on train No. 492 between Belmont and Bismarck and 491 between Bismarck and Belmont.

A new bank has been organized at Greenville, capitalized at \$10,000, with a surplus of \$2,000. The new institution is to be known as the Iron Exchange Bank of Greenville and will be ready for business the first of the year.

St. Joseph Observer.

A rendezvous of the James boys in Kansas City was recalled Monday, when laborers discovered an old mail pouch of obsolete style in a secret closet of the house at 1846 East Ninth street. It is claimed that the James boys made their Kansas City headquarters at this house.

Painters continually staining the city streets may be the stock room porters. This seems an unsafe method of getting out paint and the factory will be held at责任. These lumber jackets, whose stiff upholsteries have been removed, the stock roommen reap the benefit and the stockholders are stuck. It is hoped that Painter will fare better.

St. Joseph Observer.

These are some of the pet names proposed for Missouri: The mortgage holder, the centripetal state, the good cheer state, the promised land, goldenrod, the western stranger, old glory, show me state, passion state, the mistress of the plains, the queen of the mountains, apple blossom, rising star state, milk and honey state, the all-around state, Campbell Citizen.

Work on the oil well at Clarion was stopped last week because of the party tecto-salt quicksand in the pipe and the contractors did not have the necessary machinery to handle it successfully. The necessary machinery is being shipped from Pittsburgh, Pa., and immediately after it arrives will be put in and the boring continued. The quicksand was reached at a depth of 170 feet and quickly boiled up 40 feet, stopping the work.

Clinton Register.

Charles Hensong, who lived about six miles west of Linton on the Ranganathan, died to town Wednesday afternoon, December 8, without

load of hub logs. He was so cold when he got here, about four o'clock, that he was unable to get off the wagon and had to be carried into the house. He was somewhat revived and then taken to the home of Cad Lashley, a relative, where he died that night. Deceased was about thirty-five years of age and leaves a wife and four children to mourn his sudden end.

A Globe-Democrat special from Billings, Montana, dated December 15, says: Disappointment at failure to receive money which he had telegraphed for today caused P. A. Mosely of Meyers Falls, Wash., to shoot himself, probably fatally. A delayed telegram dated Colville, Wash., December 11, reached Mrs. Mosely several hours after Mosely had shot himself. It stated money had been forwarded to him. After Mosely had shot himself he begged for a minister, and when one arrived he pleaded with the clergyman to pray for him, as he had been mighty wicked, but for him not to ask questions. Mosely, who is a printer, came recently from Bloomfield, Mo., where, four months ago, he was married. He came at Bloomfield as the president of a bank. The doctors have little hope for Mosely's recovery.

Van Buren Herald.

A stock "stock" giving his name as H. J. Thorne at St. Louis, and claiming to be a representative of the Standard California agency, arrived in Van Buren last week. He left as a day or two ago, W. T. May, the most prominent here, that he intended to go to Fremont and would return next day and left without paying his board bill. Instead of going to Fremont he went to Winona and on Thursday of last week Sheriff Carnahan of this county was informed that the fellow was on the east bound passenger and for sheriff to arrest him. It seems that he went into one of the stores at Winona, purchased an overcoat and after trying it on walked out without any one seeing him. The coat was never lost but he left town, but the authorities waited him for jumping a board bill therefore. Before returning to Winona he wired funds to help him out of his scrape.

Stockholders' Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Bollinger County Bank will be held at the banking house in Lanesboro, Bollinger county, Missouri, on Monday, December 27, 1909, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., to act further for the purpose of electing five directors of said bank for the ensuing year and for the transaction of any other business that may come before the meeting.

C. M. Warren, President.
F. M. White, Cashier.

ONE-DOLLAR BARGAIN

The Towns-A-Way Republic, of St. Louis, Mo., is making a special Christmas offer of a three-year subscription to their paper for \$1.00. This rate will positively not be good after December 27, 1909. Any number of subscriptions will be accepted at this unusually low price while the rate is in effect from December 1st until Dec. 31, not positively no premium or cash remittance will be allowed. This \$1.00 is a date set.

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